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## WORLD WIDE MEET

### Scope of Next River and Harbor Congress.

### AMBASSADORS WILL ATTEND

Will Discuss the Great Question of Improvements of Rivers and Harbors at the Washington Meeting in December.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—International in character is to be the coming convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in December. Congressman Joseph E. Ransdell, president of the organization, was in Washington this week, fresh from the cane brakes of Louisiana, where he was a member of the party that is helping the President to track the bears. When here he announced that Ambassador von Sternburg and Ambassador Jusserand would deliver addresses at the big meeting on the development of the river and harbors in Germany and France, respectively.

Mr. Ransdell did not tarry long here. He left in a few brief hours for New York and New England to convey personal invitations to a number of governors and leading journalists to be present at what promises to be the most important convention of its kind ever held in the United States. A number of men whose reputations are nation-wide will be in attendance, but it is hoped to make the convention one that will force the national legislators to give attention to the demand of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress that not less than \$50,000,000 a year be appropriated for waterway development work.

The fact that the German and French ambassadors will discuss this great question is lending especial interest to the coming meeting. Both countries are far in the lead of the United States in this policy of international improvement. Germany has a number of cities which, because of the empire's open-handed policy, are really seaports despite the fact that they are situated from fifty to one hundred miles from the coast. In this policy is discovered the secret that has advanced the German Empire among

the commercial nations until today it is one of the most power on the civilized globe.

The French nation, also, has developed a remarkable system of canals and canalized river steamers and the barge as much of a factor in communication in France as is the railway. The French government realizes to the full necessity for relieving the railways of the task of carrying heavy and low class freight, to the end that the steam roads may care for perishable and costly goods with the greatest expedition. Because it has followed out this plan systematically, France to know what freight congestion means, and the conditions that whole communities suffered because of the lack of cars to bring in coal and take the agricultural products to market, would be impossible there.

The United States has to undertake some such plan if it is to continue in the van of the world's commercial procession. This is the opinion of a steadily growing number of citizens. There is no doubt that this government will be forced to provide cheaper means of transportation once the Panama Canal is completed and the rich trade territory of South America is actually opened up. Unless this is done, the merchants, manufacturers and agriculturalists of this country will find the trade going to England, Germany and France.

For the last seven years the National Rivers and Harbors Congress has sought to impress the foregoing fact on the people of the United States. The organization is a remarkable one, in that it comprises members of Congress, governors of states, economists of national reputation and business men equally well known, all of whom work without any idea of remuneration in spreading the idea that something must be done with the nation's waterways if the United States is to maintain its proud position among the world's commercial countries.

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VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 18.—The C. P. R. Oriental liner Tartar, which left here at 4 o'clock yesterday on her last trip for the C. P. R., collided with the C. P. R. Victoria ferry Charmer in the Gulf in a dense fog last night. The Charmer reached here this morning, having crawled back through the fog with her bow cut away to the deckhouse, but most of her damage is above water. A canvas patch was put over the hole under water. The Charmer was on her regular run to Vancouver, and was due here at 7 o'clock, but was late. She had a big passenger list, and a panic ensued, but was soon quieted through the good work of the officers. The Tartar stood by, and all the passengers were transferred. The Tartar had 200 deported Hindoos, and they created an indescribable uproar after the collision. The captain of the Charmer says no lives were lost and that no one was seriously hurt. The Princess Victoria is ashore in the fog near Victoria this morning.

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